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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TALKING PAPER GIVEN TO ME BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LHO ON MAY 28.

QUOTE: TALKING PAPER

1. IN VIEW OF THE FOLLOWING MOVES ON THE PART OF NORTH KOREA SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR, IT APPEARS MOST LIKELY THAT NORTH KOREAN SUPPORTERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD ATTEMPT TO BRING UP THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY REQUESTING, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS IN JUNE, INCLUSION OF AN AGENDA ITEM SIMILAR TO ONE DISCUSSED LAST YEAR IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

A. NORTH KOREANS CONTINUE TO OBSTRUCT INTENTIONALLY THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND AGGRAVATE THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY CLIMATE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, THUS CREATING AN EXCUSE FOR ANOTHER DEBATE AT THE UNITED NATIONS;

B. NORTH KOREA HAS SENT ABOUT 15 HIGH LEVEL MISSIONS TO MORE THAN 50 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, ASIA, EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA SINCE THE MIDDLE OF MARCH THIS YEAR, WITH KIM IL-SUNG'S MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE HEADS OF STATE IN WHICH THEY STRONGLY APPEALED FOR SUPPORT AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THEIR POSITION,
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NAMELY, THE DISBANDMENT OF UNC AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S.

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FORCES FROM KOREA;

C. IN AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPORTERS AND DECREASE OURS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, NORTH KOREA HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NINE MORE COUNTRIES IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA SINCE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR;

D. NORTH KOREA RECENTLY INVITED THE PRESIDENTS OF ALGERIA AND SENEGAL, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ZAMBIA AND SOMALIA TO VISIT PYONGYANG, (SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER HEADED A DELEGATION OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF OAU AS ITS CHAIRMAN) IN ITS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A GENERAL SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF OAU AND NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

2. FOR THESE REASONS, ROK GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO HOLD PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS AT THIS STAGE WITH US GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING FOR A FULL DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL, IN PARALLEL WITH BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON UNC AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

3. WE CAN ENVISAGE A NUMBER OF POLICY OPTIONS TO COPE WITH THE KOREAN DEBATE. IN THE VIEW OF ROKG, THE BEST OPTION WOULD BE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION, IF POSSIBLE, AND TO HAVE THE FIRST COMMITTEE ADOPT A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL WITHOUT VOTING AS HAPPENED DURING THE LAST SESSION. HOWEVER, IF A CONFRONTATION BY VOTING IS UNAVOIDABLE AND UNLESS WE HAVE A COMFORTABLE MARGIN TO VOTE DOWN THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF PUTTING OUR RESOLUTION TO THE VOTE FIRST SO AS TO SECURE A CHANCE TO WIN MAJORITY ON OUR SIDE.

4. FURTHERMORE, ONCE OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS THE VOTING PRIORITY, THIS MIGHT MAKE OUR ADVERSARIES REALIZE THAT THE VOTING SITUATION WOULD BE UNFAVORABLE TO THEM, THUS COMPELLING THEM TO OPT FOR A COMPROMISE RATHER THAN A DEFEAT.

5. CONSIDERING THAT THE BEST WAY TO SECURE THE PRIORITY FOR OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION IS TO INSCRIBE, BEFORE OUR ADVERSARIES DO, AN AGENDA ITEM OF OURS ACCOMPANIED BY A DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ACCORD-ANCE WITH RULE 20 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL

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ASSEMBLY, AND THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS SCHEDULED TO CIRCULATE THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION TO THE MEMBER STATES BY JULY 19 THIS YEAR, IT SEEMS RATHER URGENT FOR OUR SIDE TO MAKE DECISION ON WHETHER TO INTRODUCE OR NOT AN AGENDA ITEM WITH A DRAFT RESOLUTION AT THIS STAGE.

6. IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO USG, ROKG FURTHER WISHES TO SUGGEST THAT OUR TWO MISSIONS IN NEW YORK BE INSTRUCTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO

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DISCUSS CONFIDENTIALLY THE QUESTION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS AND
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO EACH GOVERNMENT. ROKG LOOKS FORWARD TO
RECEIVING AN EARLY REPLY FROM USG IN THIS REGARD.
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